

## EDISON'S ODD START

THE BATTLE OF PITTSBURG LANDING INFLUENCED HIS CAREER.

He Was a Train Newsboy at the Time, and the Incidents of One Day Opened His Eyes to the Importance and Possibilities of Telegraphy.

"When the battle of Pittsburg Landing was fought the first report which reached Detroit was that there were 60,000 killed and wounded. I was a train newsboy then, and I told the telegraph operator at the Detroit station that if he would wire the main facts of the battle along the line, so that announcements could be put up at the station bulletin boards, I would give Harper's Weekly to him for six months free of cost.

"I used to sell about forty newspapers on the trip, but that day I bought 1000. At the first station the crowd was so big that I thought it was an excursion crowd. But, no, when the people caught sight of me they began to yell for papers. I just doubled the price on the spot and charged 10 cents instead of 5 cents a copy. When I got to the last station I jumped the price up to 25 cents a copy and sold all I had left. I made \$75 or \$100 on that one trip, and, I tell you, I felt mighty good.

"That called my attention to what a telegraph operator could do, and I made up my mind to become an operator as soon as possible.

"Then I joined hands with a man named Callahan, and we got up several improved types of stock tickers. These improvements were a success.

"When the day of settlement for my inventions approached I began to wonder how much money I would get. I was pretty raw and knew nothing about business, but I hoped that I might get \$5,000. I dreamed of what I could do with big money like that, of the tools and other things I could buy to work out inventions, but I knew Wall street to be a pretty bad place and had a general suspicion that a man was apt to get beat out of his money there. So I tried to keep my hopes down, but the thought of \$5,000 kept rising in my mind.

"Well, one day I was sent for by the president of the Gold and Stock Telegraph company to talk about a settlement on my improvements. He was General Marshall Lefferts, colonel of the Seventh regiment. I tell you I was trembling all over with embarrassment, and when I got to his presence my vision of \$5,000 began to vanish. When he asked me how much I wanted I was afraid to speak. I feared that if I mentioned \$5,000 I might get nothing. That was one of the most painful and exciting moments of my life. My, how I beat my brains to know what to say! Finally I said:

"Suppose you make me an offer?"

"By that time I was scared. I was more than scared; I was paralyzed.

"How would \$40,000 do?" asked General Lefferts.

"It was all I could do to keep my face straight and my knees from giving way. With a great effort I said that I guessed that would be all right. He said they would have the contract ready in a few days and I could come back and sign it. In the meantime I scarcely slept. I couldn't believe it.

"When I went back the contract was ready, and I signed it in a hurry. I don't know even now what was in it. A check for \$40,000 was handed me, and I went to the bank as fast as my feet would carry me. It was the first time I was ever inside of a bank. I got in line, and when my turn came I handed in my check. Of course I had not indorsed it.

"The teller looked at it, then pushed it back to me and roared out something which I could not understand, being partly deaf. My heart sank and my legs trembled. I handed the check back to him, but again he pushed it back with the same unintelligible explosion of words.

"That settled it. I went out of the bank feeling miserable. I was the victim of another Wall street 'skin game.' I never felt worse in my life. I went around to the brother of the treasurer who had drawn the check and said, 'I'm skinned, all right.'

"When I told him my story he burst out laughing, and when he went into the treasurer's office to explain matters there was a loud roar of laughter at my expense. They sent somebody to the bank with me, and the bank officials thought it so great a joke that they played a trick on me by paying the whole \$40,000 in ten, twenty and fifty dollar bills.

"It made an enormous pile of money. I stuffed the bills in my inside pockets and outside pockets, my trousers pockets and everywhere I could put them. Then I started for my home in Newark. I wouldn't sit on a seat with anybody on the train or let anybody approach me. When I got to my room I couldn't sleep for fear of being robbed. So the next day I took it back to General Lefferts and told him I didn't know where to keep it. He had it placed in a bank to my credit, and that was my first bank account. With that money I opened a new shop and worked out new apparatus."—Pearson's Magazine.

**A Call Down.**  
The Tenant—Say, last night the rain came through the roof and gave me a regular shower bath. You ought to do something. The Landlord—What do you expect me to do? Give you soap and towels?—Brooklyn Eagle.

**Lucky.**  
Dentist (prodding a patient's gum in search of a fragment of root)—Funny, I don't seem to feel it. Patient (prodding in spite of the pain)—You're a jack!

## THE FRENCH HUSBAND.

Always, as a Rule, Anxious to Do the Agreeable Thing.

The French husband has a faculty that amounts almost to a genius for bestowing the delicate attentions which cost little except the exercise of a medium of tact and thoughtfulness, but which carry joy to every true woman's heart. He not only thinks to take home to her often in the absence of the means to make a larger offering, a ten cent bunch of violets, pink or roses from the flower market or the itinerant flower vendor's barrow on his route, but he presents them gallantly with the compliment and the caress the occasion calls for, and this makes them confer a pleasure out of all proportion to their intrinsic worth.

He remembers her birthday or fete day with a potted plant, a bit of game, a box of bonbons, a cake from the pastry cook's or a bottle of good wine. He is marvelously fertile in expedients for making the time pass quickly and agreeably for her. He has a thousand amusing and successful devices for helping her to renew her youth. He projects unique and joyous Sunday and holiday excursions. He improvises dainty little banquets. He is a past master especially in the art of conjuring up amiable mysteries and preparing charming little surprises. And in all these trivial enterprises he vindicates the old French theory that true courtesy consists in taking a certain amount of pains to order our words and our manners that others "the content with us and with themselves."

The American husband is particularly solicitous to do the proper thing; the French husband to do the agreeable thing—Independent.

## WATER IN TURKEY.

Must Meet Many Conditions to Be a Perfect Beverage.

"Turks are extremely particular," writes a traveler, "in regard to the quality of the water they drink and are willing to be at much trouble and expense to obtain water of the kind they prefer. To be a perfect beverage water must issue from a rock, fall from a height, be of medium temperature, flow rapidly and copiously, taste sweet, spring in high and lonely ground and run from south to north or from east to west. The excellence of any water is accordingly determined by the number of these conditions it fulfills. It is remarkable how much pleasure Turks find in visiting a famous spring in the country, to spend the whole day beside it under the shade of trees, doing little else than drink carafe after carafe of the water as the elixir of life. Resorts of this description abound on the shores and in the valleys of the upper Bosphorus under such names as the Water of Life, the Silver Water, the Water Under the Chestnut Tree, the Water Beside the Hazels. The spectacle of the great gatherings there on Fridays, arrayed in bridal colors, seated tier above tier on the terraced platforms built against the green slope of the hill, the women above, the men below, all in the deep shade of the branches meeting overhead, forms a picture beyond a painter's power to reproduce."—Chicago News.

**Hot Drinks For Thirst.**  
It is a mistake to suppose that cold drinks are necessary to relieve thirst. Very cold drinks, as a rule, increase the feverish condition of the mouth and stomach and so create thirst. Experience shows it to be a fact that hot drinks relieve the thirst and cool off the body when it is in an abnormally heated condition better than ice cold drinks. It is far better and safer to avoid the use of drinks below 50 degrees. In fact, a higher temperature is to be preferred, and those who are much troubled with thirst will do well to try the advantages to be derived from hot drinks instead of cold fluids, to which they have been accustomed. Hot drinks also have the advantage of aiding digestion instead of causing debility of the stomach and bowels.

**The Harshness of Orators.**  
American political orators are often charged with being unduly harsh to the other side. The following extract from a speech of the late Earl of Shaftesbury, published in his memoirs, shows that if our stump speakers exhibit harshness they come honestly by it. The noble earl thus described and prophesied: "When Gladstone runs down a steep place, his immense majority, like the pigs in Scripture, but hoping for a better issue, will go with him, roaring in grunts of exultation."—Boston Transcript.

**Noah's Advantage.**  
Mrs. Noah was complaining that her clothes looked as if they had come out of the ark.  
"On the contrary," returned her spouse, "they have just come across the water."  
Herewith he congratulated himself on the cheapness of imported goods.—New York Sun.

**As the Boy Saw It.**  
An Englishman tells the story of a boy who saw an exceedingly bowlegged man standing in front of a hot fire. Finally he could restrain himself no longer and said, "Hey, mister, you'd better get away from there; you're warping!"

**Politeness.**  
The greatest thing in the world is politeness. And no schooling is necessary to be agreeable. Simply have a little consideration for others and be quiet and modest.—Aitchison Globe.

There is no virtue in the Sunday that makes children say, "I wish it was Monday."

## Judge Beer By Its True Worth

Progressive Men and Women Consider It a Means to National Temperance.

We have recently published a number of articles on the food value of beer, and we believe that sooner or later beer will be recognized at its true worth, as a food beverage of splendid tonic effect and high nourishing value. Noted men and women of this country are already alive to the situation and Joseph Feiler of Northwestern University, many others of note give their endorsement to beer as a means to national temperance.

Miss Cousins, for a quarter of a century the most eminent woman suffrage advocate in the West, said in a recent interview: "There never will be a law that will compel prohibition, and the sensible thing for the Women's Christian Temperance Union to do is to add to the substitution of mild, nourishing drinks like beer, which seldom produces drunkenness. A prominent army officer who served in the Southwest, operated canteens at three different posts. He made the canteens flourish and his soldiers were happy. He found beer satisfying their demands, that he actually ran all the low dives of the surrounding neighborhood out of business."

Palast Beer meets all the demands for a mild, healthful, refreshing beverage such as Miss Cousins suggests. It is made of the exclusive Palast eight-day malt, brewed in the purest water. Eight-day malt, which is the perfect malt, gives Palast Beer its superior food value and richness. Strong in nourishment, the body requires it in refreshing and satisfying. Perfect in age, purity and strength, absolutely clean and containing only three and one-half per cent of alcohol, Palast Beer is the ideal temperance beverage. No other is so healthful.

## Railroads Want Reassessment.

The railroad companies have made a demand to the State Board of Equalization of Taxation to have the board order a reassessment of all property in Newark to be made by experts to be employed by the State Board. This is the first year the assessment of second class railroad property has been in the hands of the local tax board; formerly it has been in the hands of the State Board, which has frequently been accused of favoring the railroads. The local board has had the railroad property valued by an expert, who found that it had been greatly under assessed for years. Accordingly it was raised to the same standard of value as set for the property of individuals. The taxpayers all over Newark are very indignant at the demand of the companies, as they think the railroads have long escaped their fair share of the tax burden. It will be a hard question for the State Board to decide.—Commerce and Finance.

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**NOTICE.**  
ESSEX COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT.—In the matter of the report of the Commissioners of Adjustment of the Town of Bloomfield, in the County of Essex, number one.  
By virtue of an order made by the Essex County Circuit Court on the thirteenth day of October, nineteen hundred and six, in the above matter, I shall expose for sale at public auction and sell to the highest bidder, in fee simple, on Wednesday, the twenty-first day of November, nineteen hundred and six, at two o'clock in the afternoon of that day, at the Court Chambers in the Bloomfield National Bank Building, at Bloomfield, Essex County, New Jersey, the following tracts of land and premises:  
Block 1, Sheet No. 20, Lot No. 42.  
Block 1, Sheet No. 20, Lot No. 34.  
Block 1, Sheet No. 19, Lot No. 35.  
Block 1, Sheet No. 12, Lot No. 30.  
The said lands will be sold for not less than the amount of tax, assessment, and interest, and disbursements shown to be due at the date of the sale. The said lands will be sold subject to all taxes and assessments levied, subsequent to these taxes and assessments, for which they are sold. The sale is under the act of the Legislature of the State of New Jersey entitled "an Act concerning the settlement and collection of arrears of taxes, assessments and water rates or water rents in towns, townships, boroughs and other municipal entities, except cities of this State, and imposing and levying a tax, assessment and lien in lien and tax of such arrears, and to enforce the payment thereof, and to provide for the sale of lands subject to future taxation and assessment approved May 18, 1896, and the supplements and amendments thereto."  
Dated October 18, 1906.  
FRANK FOSTER,  
Town Collector and Collector of Taxes for Bloomfield.  
CHARLES H. HALPERRY,  
Attorney for Commissioners of Adjustment.

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